



David Leo Moves To ERT

Dear Drillers:

After 16 years in the Groundwater Branch and serving the well drilling community, I have moved on to a new career. I have accepted a position as Coordinator with the Department for Environmental Protection's Environmental Response Team (ERT). In my new position, I will be coordinating response activities for environmental emergencies. For the past five years I have worked as an emergency responder with ERT in addition to my regular job duties. My interests have shifted in this direction, and for several years, was waiting for the rare opportunity to move to ERT full time. Earlier this summer, that opportunity materialized. I moved over on June 16, 2003.

I have enjoyed working with you for the past 16 years. I am thankful for the many good friends I have made among the drillers, their employees, and their families. But this new opportunity is truly "once-in-a-lifetime." I am very fortunate that I was selected for this position, and am looking forward to the new challenges it brings.

Best wishes to all of you.

David P. Leo
Environmental Response Team Coordinator

Well Records Need To Be Filled Out In Ink

Attention drillers! We are requesting that all documents to be submitted to the Division of Water be completed in black or blue ink. The division has recently instituted a system in which all well records are digitally scanned and converted to a digital format. Digital formatting is a process in which a file is first "imaged" by creating and storing a digital "photograph" of that record. This process of imaging well records will provide a method to store records more safely and efficiently, provide these records to you on the internet and better respond to requests for information from drillers and others.

From time to time the division receives a well record completed in pencil. **Documents completed in pencil do not photocopy or scan well.** Most, if not all, information completed in pencil will not show up in the scanned document. This is a reminder that Well Records should **never** be filled out in pencil. Well records and other official documents should be completed only in black or blue ink.

Well records and attendant documents completed in pencil will be returned for completion in ink. Thank you for your cooperation in making records storage safer and more convenient to drillers and the division.

Peter T. Goodman, John Shuttleworth, Groundwater Branch

Updated Web Site

The Groundwater Branch's Web site has been updated and is more user friendly. There are links to current and past Kentucky Driller Quarterly issues. The driller directory on the site will be updated soon.

Also, the site contains 401 KAR 6:310 Water well construction practices and standards and the Routine Water Well Maintenance and Disinfection Guide which has taken the place of the "blue book," A Handbook for the Kentucky Water Well User.

Please visit this site and learn more about the Groundwater Branch and the Water Well Drillers Certification Program. <http://water.ky.gov/GW/dwgr.htm>

Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Water Well Certification Board will be December 12, starting at 9 a.m. at the Division of Water in Frankfort.

The meeting will be open to all drillers and the public.



Water Well Financial Assistance

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. Water wells are included in this program.

For more information on EQIP contact NRCS at your local USDA Service Center or go to:

www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip

Methane and Wells

In response to recent events and a growing concern about the occurrence of methane in water wells, the Groundwater Branch has published information on methane gas in water wells. The publication is called “Methane Gas and Your Water Well, A Fact Sheet for Domestic Water Well Owners.” Among the topics covered are descriptions of methane and hydrogen sulfide intrusion into wells, well houses and homes, recommended venting procedures and additional precautions.

The publication can be found on the Groundwater Branch’s Web site at: <http://water.ky.gov/GW/dwgr.htm>, or by requesting a copy from the Groundwater Branch at (502) 564-3410.

Groundwater Protection Plans

Generic Groundwater Protection Plans (GPP) for well drillers are available. Drillers are required to keep and implement a GPP. Also, generic GPPs for domestic wells and septic systems are available to homeowners. These GPPs can be located on the Groundwater Branch’s Web site at: <http://water.ky.gov/GW/dwgr.htm> or by contacting Pat Keefe at (502) 564-6120, Ext. 4565



Training Opportunities

South Carolina Ground Water Association

Fall Meeting
Columbia, SC
October 25, 2003
Phone: (803) 356-6809

Ohio Water Well Association Convention

Wilmington, OH
October 30 - 31, 2003
Ohio Water Well Association
Phone: (419) 845-2023

National Ground Water Association

2003 Ground Water Expo
Orlando, FL
December 9-12, 2003
Register at www.ngwa.org
Phone: (800) 551-7374

Louisiana Ground Water Association Annual Convention and Trade Show

Alexandria, LA
January 15-16, 2004
Phone: (318) 686-7303

Reminders

In order to use training other than the Kentucky Ground Water Association's Annual Driller's Workshop, you MUST contact Joe Moffitt, or Harold Lee at the Groundwater Branch. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

Remember to obtain proper attendance documentation when attending any training for your continuing training requirement. This includes a signed certificate, training card or letter along with an agenda.

Call Before You Dig

Kentucky Underground Protection, Inc., is a nonprofit organization established to provide a communication link between excavators and operators of underground utilities.

KRS 367.4901 to 367.4917 requires that you call two business days before you dig in the state of Kentucky.

The toll free number to call is:
1-800-752-6007
In Louisville, (502) 266-5123



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